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# Medical Stability Operations: An Emerging Military Health Skill Set



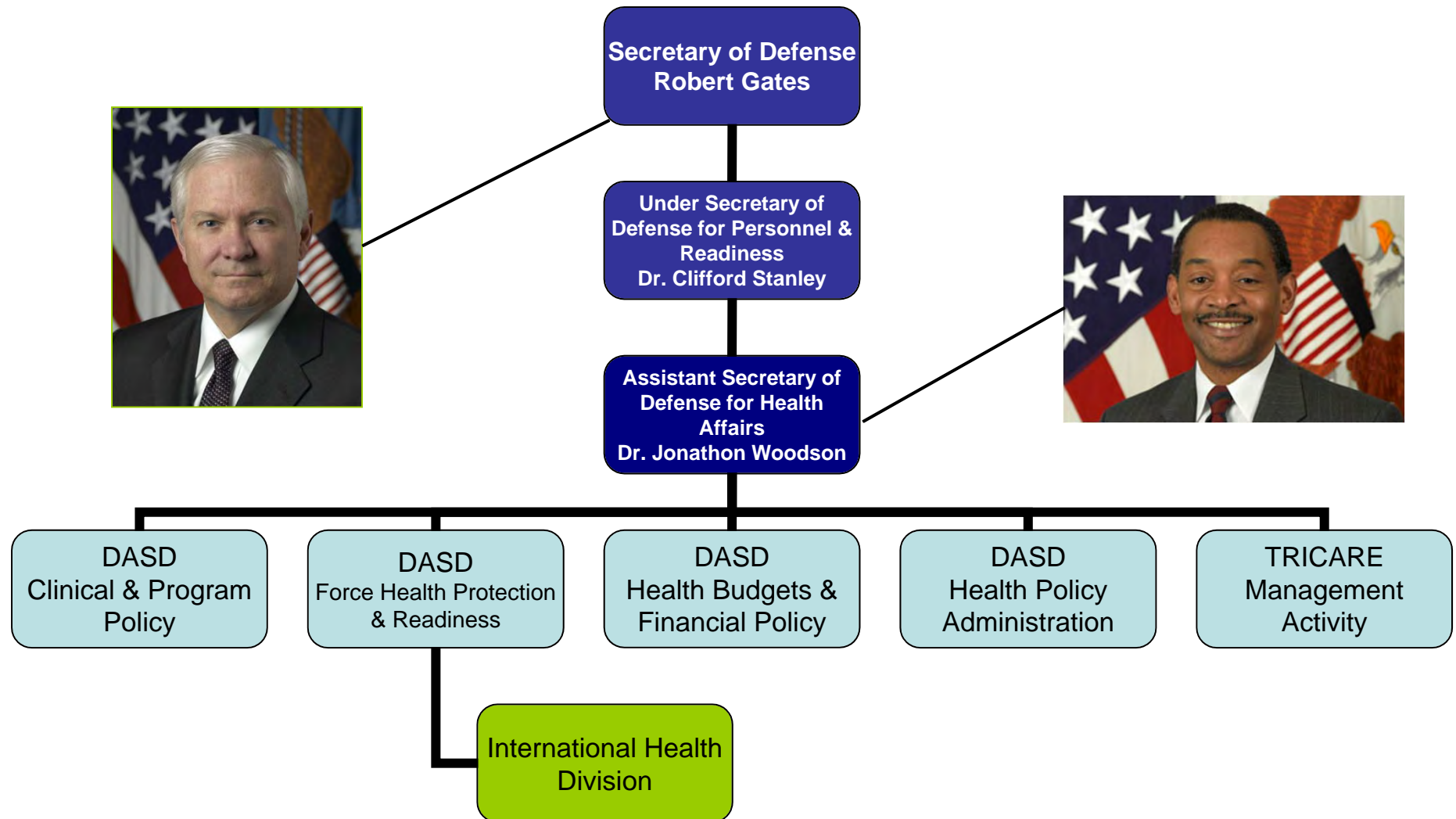
# Objectives

- Discuss medical stability operations (MSO) definition and associated concepts
- Review foundation doctrine and policy for MSO
- Discuss emerging organizations and missions that support MSO
- Identify key global challenges that will affect such operations now and in the future
- Discuss MSO end states





# Health Affairs Command Structure





# Mission

The International Health Division (IHD) supports the Department of Defense (DoD) leadership and other stakeholders by:

- Developing and informing policies
- Conducting analyses
- Providing subject matter expertise
- Making recommendations on health issues in:
  - Medical stability operations (MSO)
  - Humanitarian assistance & disaster response (HA/DR)
  - Foreign medical capacity-building







# Definitions

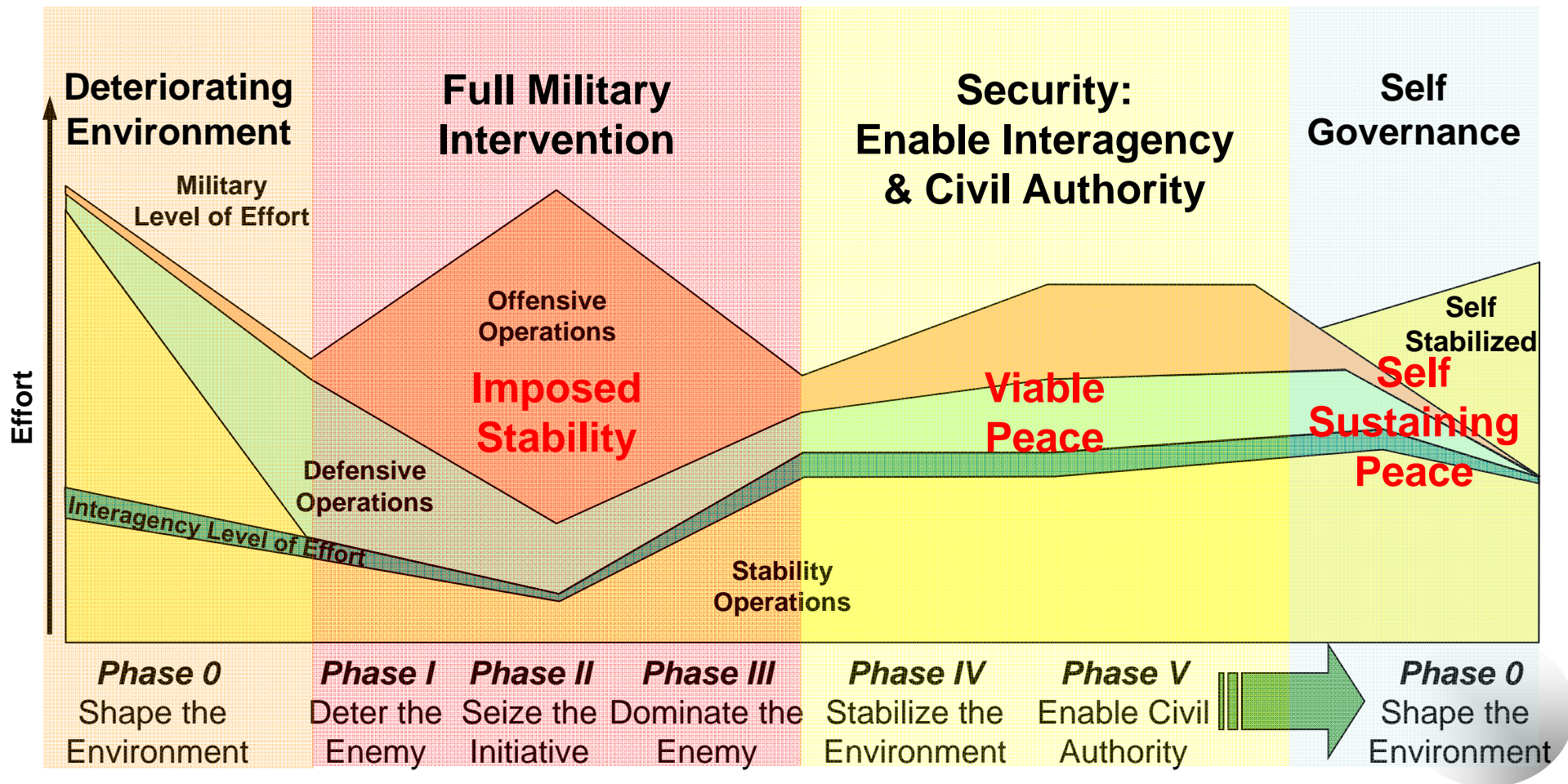
- Stability Operations
  - Stability operations is defined as an **overarching term** encompassing various military missions, tasks, and activities conducted **outside the United States** in coordination with other instruments of national power to **maintain or reestablish a safe and secure environment**, provide essential governmental services, emergency infrastructure reconstruction, and humanitarian relief. (DODI 3000.05, "Stability Operations", Sep. 09)
- Medical Stability Operations
  - **Military health support to stability operations** (DoDI 6000.16, "Military Health Support for Stability Operations", May 2010)





# Conceptual Framework

***“Stability Operations are a core US military mission that the DoD shall be prepared to conduct and support. They shall be given priority comparable to combat operations and be explicitly addressed and integrated across all DoD activities.” DoDD 3000.05***





# Why Medical Stability Operations?

- High level interest
- Realities of recent and current operations
- Complements military doctrine and concepts on stability operations, cooperative security, irregular warfare, and building partnership capacity
- Stimulates future action to improve application of health engagement
- History





# DoD's Historical Role in Global Public Health

- Great White Fleet response to the Italian earthquake and tsunami (1908)
- The Philippines (1899-1908), Cuba (1902), Haiti (1915-1934), the Dominican Republic (1916-1924), Nicaragua
- Post WWII Germany, Austria, and Japan (1945)
- US in South Korean conflict (1949)
- South Viet Nam – 1954-1975
- Operation PROMOTE LIBERTY, Panama (1989)
- Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, Persian Gulf (1991)
- Operation RESTORE HOPE, Somalia (1993)
- U.S. forces in Haiti (mid-1990s)
- Provincial Reconstruction Teams, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan (2002)
- Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq (2003)
- Asian tsunami (2004)
- Pakistan earthquake (2005)
- Peru earthquake (2007)
- Honduras flooding (2008)
- Operations CONTINUING PROMISE & PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP – TAH'S & Grey hulls – ongoing.
- Haiti Earthquake (2010)







# MSO Policy and Doctrine

- **National Security Presidential Directive/NSPD-44**  
"Management of Interagency Efforts Concerning Reconstruction and Stabilization"
- **DoD Instruction 3000.05 (reissued DoD Directive 3000.05)**  
"Stability Operations"
- **DOD Instruction 6000.16**  
"Military Health Support for Stability Operations"
- **Joint Pub 4-02, "Health Service Support"**
- **Joint Pub 3-57, "Civil Military Operations"**
- **Joint Pub 3-07 (draft), "Stability Operations"**
- **Joint Pub 3-08, "Interagency Coordination During Joint Operations"**

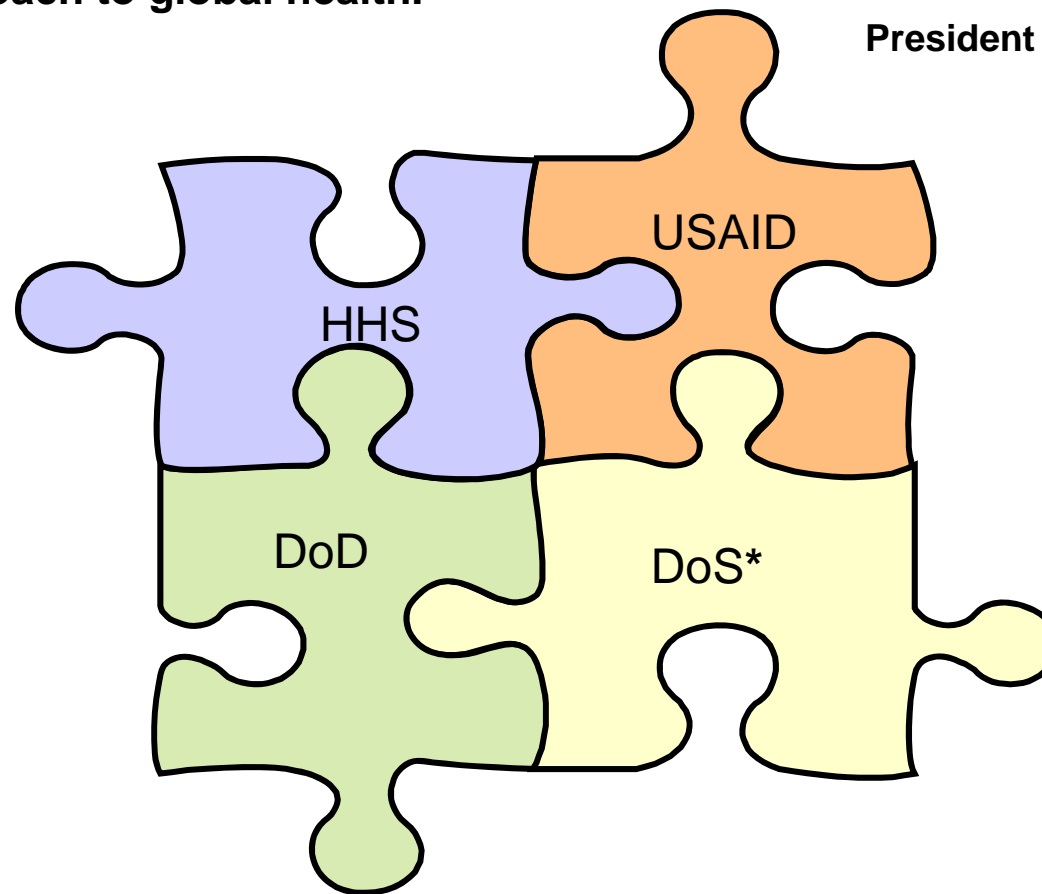




# USG Interagency

**“We cannot simply confront individual preventable illnesses in isolation. The world is interconnected, and that demands an integrated approach to global health.”**

**President Barack Obama  
May 5, 2009**



\* DoS serves  
as the lead  
USG agency in  
stability  
operations



# Institutional Challenges

- There are increasing requirements for MHS engagement in stability operations, yet incomplete strategies, support, policy and guidance
- There is no dedicated non-Defense Health Program (DHP) funding for joint and Service missions and mandates
- There are conflicting organizational responsibilities and priorities
- It is challenging to develop and maintain relationships with interagency partners due to agency cultures, engagement priorities, personnel rotation, congressional restraints, etc.
- We must learn to better communicate the value of the DoD international health mission to internal and external audiences





# Health & Stability Operations

- Combatant Command humanitarian assistance programs are designed to promote health and stability
  - Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
  - Medical training initiatives with the Africa Partner Station and Global Partner Station
- Mentoring and Training of Afghan National Security Forces
  - Reopening of the Afghan National Military Medical School
  - Enhanced recruitment of medical professionals, to include female cadets *for the first time in Afghanistan's history*







# Health & Counterinsurgency Operations

- Insurgents use medicine to influence local populations
  - Afghan insurgents destroyed health clinic in southeastern Afghanistan in January 2009
  - Hamas and Hezbollah provide health services to influence populations
- U.S. and Coalition forces use health and medicine to legitimize the Coalition and Afghan government
  - Construction of health clinics and water facilities in both Afghanistan and Iraq
  - Animal health





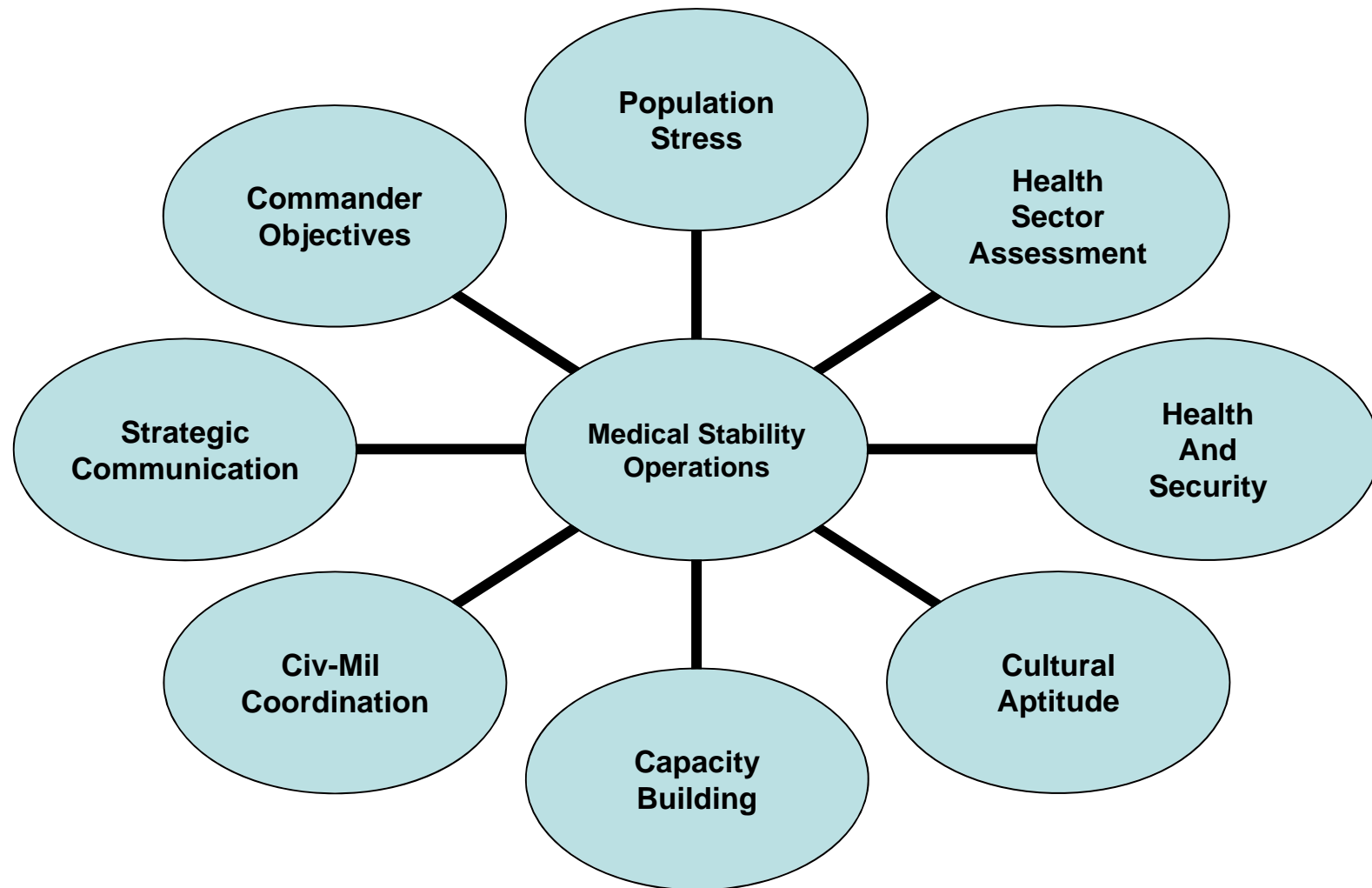
# Health & Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- DoD conducts annual humanitarian civic assistance, medical outreach and disaster response training missions
  - SOUTHCOM: USNS Comfort
  - PACOM: USNS Mercy
- DoD provides medical aid following natural disasters
  - Indonesia Tsunami
  - Earthquakes in Pakistan, Peru, Costa Rica, Haiti
- The Congressional appropriation "Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster and Civic Aid" (OHDACA) allows DoD to:
  - Build Schools and Clinics
  - Distribute Excess DoD property
  - Provide Transportation of Privately Donated Goods





# Joint Medical Challenges in Stability Operations





# Desired End States

*Stability Operations:* Full host nation responsibility across the mission elements in the contexts of a new domestic order resolving earlier sources of instability to ensure a viable sustainable peace (Joint Operating Concept)

*Medical Stability Operations:*

- Health sector improvements that enhance security and stability
- Stepwise support to capacity building suitable to local and/or international standards
- The transition of sustainable projects and programs to the host nation



# International Health Division Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Health Division website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to MHS, TRICARE, Force Health, CIO, DCoE, USU, and More... A Google Custom Search bar is on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the "International Health" logo on the left and the text "Helping Achieve International Health Stability" in the center. The banner also features a world map and several circular icons. Below the banner is a horizontal menu with links: HOME, ABOUT INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, STABILITY OPERATIONS, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE &amp; DISASTER RELIEF, and LINKS &amp; RESOURCES. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there's an "Areas of Interest" section with expandable boxes for IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AFRICA COMMAND, SOUTHERN COMMAND, and PACIFIC COMMAND. The "IRAQ" box is currently expanded, showing "About" and "Documents &amp; Links" links. In the center, there's a "Latest News" section with a "news archive" link. It lists three news items: "MHS Vital Signs: Global Health Engagement" (December 21, 2010), "MHS: How Defense Assets Can Change the World" (December 21, 2010), and "IHD Attends Conference in Beijing on Regional Disaster Medical Response" (December 13, 2010). Below the news items is a paragraph about the US military's history of providing health care in underdeveloped areas. On the right, there's an "Upcoming Events" section with a "full calendar" link. Below it is a "Conference Pages" section with links to "Building Health Security in Contemporary Afghanistan", "Culture, Health and Human Security Symposium", and "U.S. Africa Command Health Symposium". At the bottom right is a "Latest Media" section with a "play" button icon. It lists two media items: "International Health overview VIDEO:" (December 21, 2010) and "Keynote Lunch Presentation - Mr. Andrew Exum, at 'Building Health Security in Contemporary Afghanistan' Conference" (June 08, 2009). A "Key Note Speaker - Dr." is also mentioned.

<http://fhp.osd.mil/intlhealth>





Questions?